## CIVILIANS RUN SHARPE'S OFFICE

to Defense Council

STORY OF RED TAPE IMPRESSES SENATORS

### Witness Defends the Institution of Advisory Commission and Its Committees

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.-That the buying of his department had been put into the hands of civilians and that methods in vogue are highly involved, were among the points gathered from itary affairs committee. General Sharpe said the army is still short 100,000 woolen overcoats, and admitted that many of the coats sent to camp would not fit to return before they could get shoes to quired number. wear to target practice.

### FARMERS' LOAN AGGRE-GATES \$29,000,000

### Federal Land Banks Will Lend \$75,000,-000 More on Approved Applications.

Washington, Dec. 22.-Loans aggregatby the 12 federal land banks in the six months since the farm loan system loan board, issued yesterday. In addi-tion, \$75,000,000 of loans have been ap-proved and will be negotiated at the old five per cent interest rate when funds ade available through sale of farm loan bonds privately, or to the United States treasury under the pending plan to have Congress appropriate \$100,000,-000 a year for the purchase.

Applications for loans have amounted to \$219,000,00, which has been cut to \$180,000,000 by reductions ordered by appraisers, or by rejection. A total of 1839 co-operative farm loan associations, composed of 19 or more farmer borrowhave been chartered. Future loans will be made at the new interest rate of 51/2 per cent.

### MUST HAVE NEW CONSTITUTION.

### China Must Also Have New Law and Parliament Must Be Organized.

Peking, Dec. 22 (Correspondence of be re-organized, in the opinion of Presi-dent Feng Kuo-chang, and Premier Tuan Monday in which to add to the prescribed

An effort to achieve these objects is in quota. the premier for that purpose.

Most of China's government difficulties

during the last six years were attributed by Premier Tuan in an address to the national council to imperfections in the constitution. It is the desire of the pres- Those Qualified for Aviation Service Have ident and the premier that a new consti-tution shall be adopted and that it shall contain provisions for satisfactory cotranspired in this country since the be- amination at the nearest aviation exam public form of government.

ently have divergent views as to whether which the volunteers are accepted. gated by the national council or by a cepted, the statement said, nor are nonident Feng told the council that he sin- neering colleges or others who can qualcerely hoped that after it had revised ify as expert engineers. Men seeking enthe council itself to amend the funda mental law of the Chinese state.

"Unless we have a strong and sound SAYS U. S. SOLDIERS government, we never will be able to survive the struggle of the nations," de clared the president. "To form a nation and to establish it on a firm basis is a Council of National Defense Asks That colossal task. Six years is too short a time to prove whether government by the people is suitable for China. Therefore, I entertain great expectations for the success of your task."

### CORN PRICES WEAKEN.

## at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Corn Friday showed a tendency to react from the bulge of the day before. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as Thursday's fin ish to %e lower, with January \$1.24% to \$1.25 and May \$1.23 to \$1.23%, were followed by a moderate decline all Dead Woman and Dying Man Found in

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ness, nerve debility, brain-fag. One or two Peptiron after each meal will quickly tell a story of marvelous results. Get it to-day.—Adv.

### CALEDONIA COUNTY LEADS ON RED CROSS

### Has Already Exceeded Quota of New Members and Windsor and Grand Isle Counties Go "Over the Top," Too.

campaign for the Red Cross will be conthe testimony of Quartermaster General tinued in Vermont up to Christmas eve. Sharpe yesterday before the Senate mil- This leaves two more days in which to members.

the men. Shoes had been found to be query being asked by county managers, too short, and at Camp Custer a detail solicitors and all interested in seeing of men had to wait for another detail Vermont go "over the top" with the re-

> State Manager Darling says Vermont will not disappoint, that the communi-ties that fail to reach their quotas will be more than made good by the communities that secure a greater number of memberships than were allotted to them. Every reason is apparent for stating that Caledonia county will be the banner county of the state. The quota there was 1,469, but up to Thursday night the returns showed 1,865 and Gilbert M. Campbell of Lyndonville, who is conducting the campaign in that county, said

has been in full operation, according to Dewey of Quechee, who is in charge of the monthly report of the federal farm Windsor county, is deserving of the highest praise for what has been accomplished there. The quota was 1,364. Thursday night's returns showed 1,400 and Mr. Dewey said there would be no letting up of work, that the campaign would be continued up to the very close. Little Grand Isle county has been doing excellent work. By 350 new members the quota has been exceeded.

> One of the features of the day in Burlington was the getting of 100 members from among the employes of the Queen City Cotton company. This boosts the new members in Burlington to in excess of 1,200.

The business of the country is war. is the slogan put out by Chairman Darling. The country is fast realizing that the Associated Press).-The Chinese retthis is correct. Prompt action in everypublic must have a new constitution, a thing pertaining to the war is necessary. Chairman Darling would like to see 25,be re-organized, in the opinion of Presi-

An effort to achieve these objects is in progress in the sessions of the new national council, called by the president and the premier for that purpose. a joyous Christmas.

### DRAFT MEN CAN TILL JOIN.

### Chance for Immediate Service.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.-Men o ordination of the executive, legislative and draft age qualified for present needs of judicial branches of the government, the aviation section of the signal corps Both officials pointed out in addresses to can seek immediate service despite the the council that t was the absence of recent ruling discontinuing voluntary ensuch provisions in the present constitu-tion that led to the outbreak of numer-nounced that flyers and balloonists may ous disorders and revolts which have enlist as heretofore upon passing the ex ginning of the attempt to organize a re- ining board, which will conduct what ever negotiations are necessary with the The president and the premier appar- exemption boards of the districts from

### None Be Sent Them By Their Families and Friends.

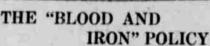
national defense yesterday requested the others of the theatrical group were friends and families of soldiers not to placed under arrest, but Theodorini was PERSHING'S MEN send them food. An abundant supply is being furnished in the camps and canton-Reaction Shown from Thursday's Bulge ments, the council said, and a large quantity of privately sent food is being wastand it is feared it may endanger the health of the men.

## House at Southbridge, Mass.

Southbridge, Mass., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Ida Frost, aged 35, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. nurdered in the home of Jessie Leno, on the Leadmine road, between Sturbridge and Holland, early last evening. Lying made her home in this city. Since then and in the army, and the officers have on the floor near her was the unc form of John Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs.

There is a question whether the worn an was shot by Wood, or whether both had not lived with her husband for some

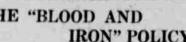
William A. Mann, who commanded the celebrated Rainbow division, which took National Guardenen from many states in the union to the battlefields of France has been relieved because of physical in ability to stand field duty and will return to the United States to be retired next July. His successor has not been

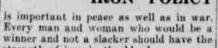


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Burlington, Dec. 22.-The membership

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ing \$29,324,000, have been made to farm- that it was hoped the number would reach 3,500.

Another county manager, James F.

In Washington, Rutland and Franklin counties the situation showed improvement to-day. Canvassers buckled to their work early and new members were secured with less explanation than on

new constitution should be promul- No serial observers are now being acnew Parliament to be summoned after commissioned officers, except a limited work of the council is finished. Pres- number of graduates of recognized engi-

## HAVE FOOD ENOUGH

Washington, Dec. 22.- The council of In some cases food has been spoiled,

### TWO WERE SLAIN.

loseph Wood of Fiskdale. The woman had been shot through the sead and had been dead for some time. Her companion, also shot in the head, lived but a short time.

### MAN COMING HOME.

Washington, Dec. 22. - Major-Genera



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Elena Theodorini Was Greatly Beloved in Argentina, Where She Had Made Application for Natural-

### ization.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 22 (Correspondence of the Associated Press .- Few women ever have been so popular and so beloved by the Argentine public as Elena Theodorini, an opera singer famous in this burg, the former German minister here, individuals, firms or corporations wash-Count Luxburg received his passports from the Argentine government for sendgentine ships be sunk without trace. La Theodorini, as she has always been

called in Argentina, took passage on board a steamer for Europe in company with a group of theatrical persons who their first Liberty bond interest coupons were known to be friends of Count Lux- to convert the proceeds immediately into burg. The steamer was halted off Montevideo by British eruisers and some of not molested until the steamer was over

hauled by a French cruiser off the Span ish coast. News that the cruiser had taken he from the passenger steamer on charges of espionage came as a surprise to Theo-dorini's admirers in this city, for the general public did not know, as did diplo matic circles, that she had been in recent rears a great friend of Count Luxburg and a member of a circle of theatrical women who were dined and wined at the

ce of the German diplomat. La Theodorini came to Buenos Aires in 1884. Singing leading parts in well Willis of Fiskdale, was found known operas she soon achieved a wide general orders issued yesterday. Extrareputation and afterward became so at ordinary measures are being taken to ached to Argentina audiences that she insure sobriety and a high moral standshe has figured in the musical and thea- been informed they will be held to strict trical life of Argentina, although she had accountability for the fullest compliance retired from the operatic stage.

One of her acts which endeared her to

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the Argentine public was her application appropriations to meet federal aid del-for naturalization inasmuch as she was lar for dellar. Among these are New take such a step. Last year she paid a Nevada, Iowa, Florida, and Vermont. visit to New York, where a festival was given in her henor by the metropolitan opera stars. She returned to Buenos

### NO LIMIT ON THRIFT STAMPS.

## Rule Forbidding More Than \$1,000 at a

Aires in February, last.

Time Will Be Waived. Washington, Dec. 22 .- To facilitate the use of war savings stamps and certificountry, who was arrested by officers of Postmaster-General Koons has telethe Chinese election laws, Parliament listment in the aviation section, enlisted would be called to draft and promulgate personnel, may volunteer only through the constitution; but Premier Tuan urged their local boards.

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stamps at a time will be waived. of an organized movement in many com- minute men was not needed, as other armunities to induce persons who cash rangements had been made. war savings stamps.

# CONFINED TO LIGHT

### Nothing Stronger Permitted By the General, Who Has Issued Strict Orders.

With the American Army in France Dec. 22.—All alcoholic beverages, except light wines and beers, are denied to members of the American expeditionary forces in France by General Pershing

### ALL STATES SHARE.

### In Federal Road Aid Under Federal Aid

Road Act. All the states of the union have availed themselves of the opportunity of partiei-pating in the benefits of the federal aid ad act, which appropriated 75 million dollars for the construction of post roads and 10 million dollars for forest roads, ording to the report of the director of the office of public roads and rural engineering, United States department of agriculture. That the passage of the act has stimulated road building i were approximately 41 million dollars of state funds expended for all highway purposes, and it is estimated that in the alendar year 1917, the aggregate exenditures of state funds for this pr ose will be at least 60 millions. mber of the states have made spe-

the first woman of a foreign country to York, Illinois, Michigan, Rhode Island, they

## TRY TO BLOCK RED CROSS.

### German Efforts in New York May Result in Call on Dept. of Justice for Help.

New York, Dec. 22.-Managers of the American Red Cross membership campaign announce that the federal depart ment of justice has been asked to investigate reports of pro-German efforts to interfere with the drive to obtain 500,000 members in this city. Impersonation of Red Cross officials seems to be the favorite method according to Frank Presbrey

Several times during the week these men have called on the telephone the tamps at a time will be waived. the campaign, and, posing as Red Cross Reports to the treasury yesterday told officials, have said the help of the four-

### "Educating Russia.

The Bolsheviki are receiving their education. They are negotiating with the Germans. The Russian proposal to Ger-many is for a six months' armistice in which all countries shall share; that no WINE AND BEER troops be moved about in the meantime, and that the Germans evacuate Moon

ound and Moon island. This plan does not exactly suit the Germans. They prefer only four weeks' armistice and the privilege of moving

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less than a division at a time. As for annexations, no indemnities. The time Moon island, they will not get out, but has come for our co-belligerents to take desire the Russians to leave Persia their stand on that platform with our

French and Macedonian fronts. much as an island, and wish to have whose tenure of power is conditional or

and definitely before all mankind the the fall of Kerensky

during the fourth year of the war." In the Russian situation is the allied opportunity. The United States has, through Mr. Wilson, adopted the Russian platform for peace. We desire no dive will be begun.—Boston Globe.

and to remove their troops from the government. To do so would accomplish far more The Germans will not surrender so than mere satisfaction to the Bolsheviki,

the terms so that they can move nine the strength of the Imperialists and tenths of a division. Americans can see Bourgeoisie under Korniloff and Kale clainly enough that the Bolsheviki are dines. Ever since the revolution revised to learn what we learned in our peace terms have been a necessity it period of note writing—the impossibility of reasoning with Prussianism.

Trotzky has sent a challenge to the mated, the failure of our allies to say He asks them to "declare clearly exactly what they are fighting for caused

aims for which the peoples of Europe The one great drive possible against may be called upon to shed their blood Prussianism this winter is a peace drive Properly conducted it will draw Russia



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